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PATENT APPLICATION

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PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) FOR EXTENSION
OF TIME AND REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

Petition Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) For Extension of Time

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of the shortened statutory period set for reply to the Office Action dated February 16, 2006, to make the date for reply June 16, 2006. The Director is hereby authorized to charge \$1,020.00 in payment of the three-month extension-of-time fee to Deposit Account No. 06-1075 (order no.: 099999.0099). The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee that may be due, or to credit any overpayment, in connection with this Petition and Reply, to Deposit Account No. 06-1075 (order no.: 002759.0075). A duplicate copy of the transmittal letter accompanying this Petition and Reply is enclosed herewith for that purpose.

Reply to Office Action

Applicants hereby reply to the Office Action dated February 16, 2006, which did not address the merits of the above-identified patent application, but required restriction of the application to one of two inventions and an election of species.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this Reply to Office Action.